Table 31a. Standard errors on most important resource used and length of time taken to find first career path job for recent doctoral recipients, by field of doctorate, 1999

Resource and length of time	All fields	Computer and mathematical sciences	Biological and agricultural sciences	Health sciences	Physical and related sciences	Social sciences	Psychology	Engineering
Total recent doctoral recipients holding a career path job (number)..	407.2	158.7	270.4	113.7	203.7	193.6	188.9	249.0
					Percent			
Most important job search resource:								
Faculty or advisor..	1.0	S	2.0	S	2.4	2.7	S	2.1
Informal channels through colleagues or friends..............	1.1	S	1.9	S	2.4	2.5	2.8	1.9
Professional meetings and/or journals..............................	0.8	S	1.7	S	2.1	2.7	S	1.5
Other resource [1] ....………………....	1.1	4.3	2.2	S	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.4
Length of time between completion of first doctoral degree and first career path job:								
Less than 1 month[2].………....…….......……………....	0.9	3.0	2.2	4.0	2.4	2.8	2.8	1.8
1-6 months...	0.9	S	1.8	S	2.0	S	2.4	1.7
7-12 months..	0.5	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
More than 12 months..	0.4	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

[1] 'Other resource' includes professional recruiter, college/department placement office, electronic postings, newspapers, direct contact with company, and other.

[2] Includes those who already held a career path job before completion of doctoral degree.

KEY: S = Suppressed due to too few cases in the estimate (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

NOTES: Standard errors are rounded to the nearest tenth. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a science and engineering research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1999.

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